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SUBJECT: 59TH ECOSOC: ITEM NO. 20 -- ASSISTANCE IN DISASTERS
(ETHIOPIAN DROUGHT)

1. DRAFT RESOLUTION E/AC.24/L.518 QUOTED BELOW WAS INTRODUCED TODAY IN PPCC BY ARGENTINA ON BEHALF COSPONSORS LISTED (TO WHICH DEMOCRATIC YEMEN ADDED).

2. IN INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS WITH UNDRO AND CERTAIN WEOS THERE HAS BEEN CRITICISM OF PROPRIETY OF LAST PREAMBULAR PARA CLAIMING SHORTFALL IN IMPLEMENTATION OF ECOSOC RESES BY UN SYSTEM, ESPECIALLY IN JUXTAPOSITION FIRST OPERATIVE PARA GIVING ETHIOPIAN GOVT PAT ON BACK FOR AUSTERITY MEASURES TO COMBAT DROUGHT. ETHIOPIAN REP (THE REAL AUTHOR) IN HIS STATEMENT MADE CLEAR THAT SHORTFALL REFERENCE WAS NOT INTENDED FOR UNDRO, FAO, UNICEF OR WHO, WHICH HE PRAISED, BUT FOR UNDP WHICH HE MAINTAINED HAD BEEN DELATORY IN IMPLEMENTING REHABILITATION PROGRAMS, PARTICULARLY IN REIMBURSING GOE FOR LOCAL CURRENCY EXPENSES OF UNDP PROGRAMS. WE
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AND BRITISH ARE ATTEMPTING TO PERSUADE SPONSORS TO ELIMINATE

OFFENDING PREAMBULAR PARA AND TO CONVERT FIRST OPERATIVE PARA INTO A PREAMBULAR PARA.

3. IF WE SUCCEED IN ELIMINATING OFFENDING PREAMBULAR PARA, WE PLAN TO GO ALONG WITH RESOLUTION (IRRESPECTIVE OF FIRST OPERATIVE PARA). IF NOT, WE PROPOSE TO REMAIN FLEXIBLE -- DEPENDING ON POSITIONS OF UK AND OTHER MAJOR DONORS -- SO AS TO BE ABLE EITHER TO VOTE AGAINST THE OFFENDING PARA IF THERE IS A SEPARATE VOTE (WHICH UK MIGHT REQUEST) AND ABSTAIN ON THE RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE, OR ACQUIESCE IN THE RESOLUTION, WITH AN APPROPRIATE EXPLANATION IN EACH CASE. UNLESS WE HEAR TO THE CONTRARY BY TOMORROW MORNING, JULY 24 (GENEVA TIME) WE WILL ASSUME DEPARTMENT CONCURS.

4. BEGIN QUOTE

ASSISTANCE IN CASES OF NATURAL DISASTER AND OTHER DISASTER SITUATIONS

ARGENTINA, ETHIOPIA, INDONESIA, PAKISTAN, VENEZUELA AND YUGOSLAVIA:

DRAFT RESOLUTION

ASSISTANCE TO THE DROUGHT-STRICKEN AREAS OF ETHIOPIA

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

NOTING WITH DEEP CONCERN THE PERSISTENCE OF THE DROUGHT IN ELEVEN OUT OF THE FOURTEEN PROVINCES OF ETHIOPIA,

FURTHER NOTING THE EXTREMELY ADVERSE IMPACT OF THE DROUGHT ON THE GROWTH OF THE ETHIOPIAN ECONOMY IN GENERAL AND ON AGRICULTURAL OUTPUT IN PARTICULAR,

RECALLING GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3202 (S-VI) OF 1 MAY 1974 ON THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, PARTICULARLY SECTION X THEREOF REGARDING THE SPECIAL PROGRAMME OF EMERGENCY MEASURES TO MITIGATE THE HARDSHIPS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED
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BY THE ECONOMIC CRISIS,

FURTHER RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION 1833 (LVI) OF 8 MAY 1974 BY WHICH IT CALLED UPON THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTION TO RESPOND TO THE REQUEST OF THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT WITH REGARD TO THE IMMEDIATE, MEDIUM-TERM AND LONG-TERM NEEDS OF THE DROUGHT-STRICKEN REGIONS; AND RESOLUTION 1876 (LVII) OF 25 JULY 1974 BY WHICH IT INVITED ALL MEMBER STATES, INTER-

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO CONTINUE TO GIVE THEIR FULLEST SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE TO THE ENDEAVOURS OF THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT IN MOBILIZING EMERGENCY RELIEF ASSISTANCE,

APPRECIATIVE OF THE ASSISTANCE GIVEN TO THE DROUGHT-STRICKEN REGIONS OF ETHIOPIA BY GOVERNMENTS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES,

NOTING, HOWEVER, THE SERIOUS SHORTFALL IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTIONS 1833 (LVI) AND 1876 (LVII) BY THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM,

1. APPRECIATES THE RECENT AUSTERITY MEASURES INTRODUCED BY THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT TO COMBAT THE DROUGHT;
2. URGES THE UNITED NATIONS AND ITS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES TO IMPLEMENT VIGOROUSLY THE PROVISIONS OF THE RESOLUTIONS MENTIONED ABOVE;
3. APPEALS TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF ALL MEMBER STATES AND TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL, NON-GOVERNMENTAL AND VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS TO INTENSIFY THEIR ASSISTANCE TO THE DROUGHT-STRICKEN REGIONS OF ETHIOPIA, IN VIEW OF THE INCREASING SEVERITY OF THE DROUGHT CONDITION;
4. DECIDES TO KEEP THE MATTER UNDER REVIEW.

END QUOTE. DALE

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